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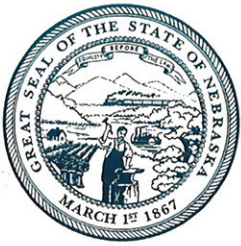
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MEDIA ADVISORY
August 31, 2005, 6:20 p.m. CDT

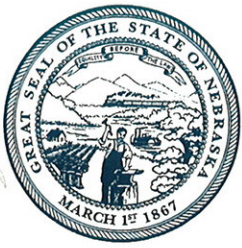
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*****MEDIA ADVISORY*****

**Audio Clip Featuring Attorney General
Bruning Now Available**

An audio clip featuring comments from Attorney General Jon Bruning regarding the rising gas prices is now available on the Department of Justice's Web site at www.ago.state.ne.us.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 31, 2005, 3:30 p.m. CT

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Gov. Heineman, Attorney General Bruning Urge Calm as Gas Prices Increase

(Lincoln, Neb.) Gov. Dave Heineman and Attorney General Jon Bruning today urged Nebraskans to remain calm in response to increasing prices for fuel across the state. Prices are reflective of the international demand for oil, which is at an all-time high, and the disruption of oil production from disaster conditions created by Hurricane Katrina. The Gulf Coast is a main supplier of oil and gasoline to the Midwest.

"Every Nebraska family and business is feeling the effects of increased energy costs, and I want Nebraskans to know that we are watching closely for evidence of price gouging," Gov. Heineman said. "Panic buying will only accelerate price increases when supplies are limited. The best thing Nebraskans can do right now is to remain calm, conserve as much fuel as possible and remain vigilant in reporting price gouging.

"States across the nation are facing the same price challenges in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, which is one of the worst natural disasters in U.S. history. Every indication is that this is a temporary situation, and my hope is that Nebraskans will use common sense to help ease the strain on fuel supplies in the days to come."

Attorney General Bruning said, "In the past, we have found that retailers in Nebraska are operating above-board. They are only making pennies on the dollar for every gallon of gasoline that is sold. That being said, we are committed to protecting Nebraska consumers and will keep an eye out to make sure everyone is engaged in fair play."

Nebraskans can find out more about how gas prices are calculated on the Attorney General's Web site, available at <http://www.ago.state.ne.us>. Anyone with concerns about gasoline stations manipulating prices can call the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 402-471-2682 or 800-727-6432.

The Nebraska Energy Office will continue to monitor prices and supplies of fuel products and has information online at http://www.neo.state.ne.us/supply_status/gaspricemonitor.htm. Consumers can also monitor state and national fuel price averages online at <http://www.fuelgaugereport.com>.

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Statewide averages for fuel costs are in line with national averages. As of Tuesday the cost for a gallon of unleaded fuel prior to taxes and shipping costs was \$3.25, according to the latest information available from AAA Nebraska. More information is available on the U.S. Department of Energy Web site at <http://www.energy.gov/engine/content.do>.

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August 30, 2005, 2:30 p.m. CDT

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Bruning, Heineman Sign Deputization Agreement with Oglala Sioux

(Lincoln, Neb.) Attorney General Jon Bruning and Gov. Dave Heineman signed a Deputization Law Enforcement Agreement and a Contract for Law Enforcement Services today with the Oglala Sioux Tribe that will allow deputized tribal officers to patrol a two-square-mile area around the unincorporated village of Whiteclay, Neb.

Attorney General Bruning said, "Everyone involved in this process has the same interest – ensuring the public safety in and around Whiteclay. The combined efforts of the Nebraska State Patrol, the Sheridan County Sheriff's Office and the Pine Ridge Police Department will be a big step forward in the fight against crime in the area. This is an historic agreement, and we welcome a new era of cooperation between the tribe and the State of Nebraska."

Gov. Heineman said, "This agreement allows qualified law enforcement officers from our neighbors in Pine Ridge to help us ensure that the laws of Nebraska are followed. I am grateful to the Oglala Sioux Tribe, to the Attorney General and to our own Nebraska State Patrol for being willing to work together on this creative solution."

Oglala Sioux Tribal President Cecilia Fire Thunder said, "The key to this agreement is partnerships. Our boundaries, state lines and jurisdictions have previously hampered our law enforcement efforts. By coordinating our resources, we are taking an important step forward in working together to address crime in the Whiteclay area. We look forward to having even more dialogue to address other issues along the border."

The agreement, which is the first of its kind in Nebraska, will allow tribal officers who have been certified by the State of Nebraska to arrest both Native and non-Native lawbreakers in the specified area. All of those arrested, regardless of race, will be taken immediately to a responsible official of the State of Nebraska or Sheridan County and have their cases tried in state or federal court.

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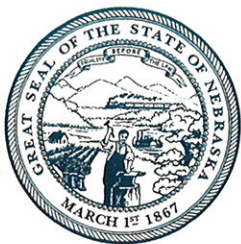
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The Nebraska State Patrol and Sheridan County Sheriff's Office will continue their patrols of the area.

Qualified tribal officers will begin the process of certification after the agreement becomes effective. To be deputized, Oglala Sioux law enforcement officers must comply with all Nebraska statutory requirements for appointment as a police officer. Public notice will be given to Native and non-Native residents in the area when any new tribal officers are certified under the terms of the deputization agreement.

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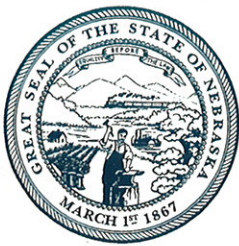
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*****MEDIA ADVISORY*****
Bruning, Heineman to Hold News
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TODAY

Attorney General Jon Bruning and Gov. Dave Heineman will hold a news conference at **2:30 p.m. CDT today, Tuesday, August 30 in the State Capitol Rotunda.** The Attorney General and Governor will be joined by Oglala Sioux Tribal President Cecilia Fire Thunder.

For those who are unable to attend, there will be a brief conference call immediately following the news conference at approximately 3:00 p.m. CDT. To participate, dial 402-472-0821 or 402-472-0822.

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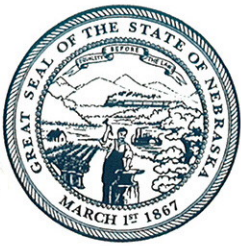
*****MEDIA ADVISORY*****

**Bruning, Heineman to Hold News Conference
at 2:30 p.m. CDT TOMORROW**

Attorney General Jon Bruning and Gov. Dave Heineman will hold a news conference at 2:30 p.m. CDT tomorrow, Tuesday, August 30 in the State Capitol Rotunda. The Attorney General and Governor will be joined by Oglala Sioux Tribal President Cecilia Firethunder.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 26, 2005, 9:50 a.m. CDT

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Bruning Announces Convictions Against Former Clarks Police Officer

(Lincoln, Neb.) Attorney General Jon Bruning announced today that former Village of Clarks Police Officer Ron Jones has been convicted of one count of criminal mischief, a Class I misdemeanor, and one count of theft by unlawful taking, a Class II misdemeanor.

Jones faces up to one year in prison and/or \$1,000 in fines for the criminal mischief charge and up to six months in prison and/or \$1,000 in fines for the theft by unlawful taking charge. Jones may also be required to pay restitution to the victims of his crimes, and as a certified law enforcement officer, he will likely be decertified by the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center.

Bruning said, "The law applies equally to everyone. Law enforcement officers who hold the public trust must be held to a higher standard. An officer's firearm should not be used to intimidate innocent people, and an evidence room is not a personal pantry."

The charges against Jones stem from allegations that he unjustifiably fired his .22 caliber rifle into the radiator of a vehicle in September 2003. Jones and the owner of the truck had engaged in a verbal altercation just moments prior to the shooting. And in December 2003, Jones stole four bottles of alcohol booked as evidence in an ongoing criminal matter and distributed them as Christmas gifts to employees and board members of the Village of Clarks.

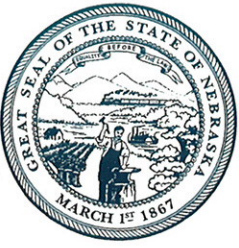
Jones was terminated as a law enforcement officer by the village shortly after the filing of criminal charges. He is no longer serving as a law enforcement officer.

Sentencing has been set for 10:00 a.m. CT Monday, Oct. 17 in Merrick County District Court.

The case was handled by Assistant Attorney General Corey O'Brien.

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August 23, 2005, 5:00 p.m. CDT

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Bruning Announces Sentence in Douglas County Online Child Enticement Case

(Lincoln, Neb.) Attorney General Jon Bruning announced today that Dennis Jasa, 47, has been sentenced to one to two years in prison for online enticement of a child by Douglas County District Court Judge Sandra Dougherty. Jasa will be required to register as a sex offender.

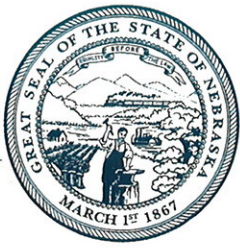
Jasa plead no contest and was convicted of the Class IIIA felony on May 31.

Attorney General Bruning said, "The Internet has become a playground for child sexual predators. Every time we bring one of these deviants to justice, we send a message to other would-be online predators that we will not stand by while they target our children."

In June 2004, a Nebraska State Patrol investigator with the Internet Crimes Against Children Unit posed as a 14-year-old girl in a Yahoo! chat room where contact was initiated by the defendant. Jasa initiated sexual conversations with the investigator and asked to meet the presumed 14-year-old at an apartment in LaVista for the purpose of engaging in sex. He was arrested upon his arrival.

The case was handled by Criminal Bureau Chief Don Kleine.

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Attorney General Jon Bruning
Guest Column: August 22, 2005
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Are You Being Slammed?

Phone slamming is the illegal practice of changing a consumer's long distance phone service without their permission. Here's how slamming works.

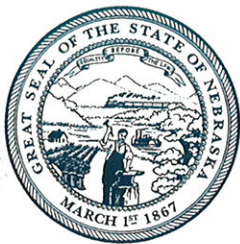
A consumer gets a phone call from someone posing as a representative from his or her current telephone company. The "representative" tries to trick the consumer by asking if they would be interested in a new calling plan or billing arrangement. If the consumer answers yes, it is often recorded and used as proof that they agreed to the switch.

Slamming can also occur via mail. Consumers are typically sent contest entry forms, coupons or other promotional materials that may include a hidden agreement to switch their phone service.

So, what are your rights? Following is a list of steps you can take to rectify the situation:

- Call your phone company and ask to be reconnected to your previous service. This is free.
- Ask that any "change of service charges" that appear on your phone bill be removed.
- Call the company that slammed you and tell them you did not order their service and ask to be removed. Tell them you will not pay any charges incurred in the first 30 days after the slamming took place and that any charges after the initial 30 days must be billed at your preferred provider's rates.
- If the phone company that slammed you refuses to drop any unauthorized charges or send you a refund, file a complaint with the Federal Communications Commission.
- Call your phone company and ask them to put a "freeze" on your account. This service, which is free, prevents unauthorized changes in your long distance phone service without your direct written or verbal confirmation.
- Finally, check your phone bill carefully every month.

For more tips on ways you can protect yourself from consumer fraud, visit our Web site at www.ago.state.ne.us or contact our Consumer Protection Division at 800-727-6432. En Espanol, 402-471-3891 o llamada gratuita, 888-850-7555.



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August 18, 2005, 11:20 a.m. CDT

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Bruning Announces Sentence in Atlanta Grain Elevator Case

(Lincoln, Neb.) Attorney General Jon Bruning and Phelps County Attorney Tim Hoeft today announced that William White, former owner of the Atlanta Grain Elevator in Atlanta, Neb., has been sentenced to 6-10 years in prison on each of eight counts of felony theft.

White's sentence for each count, which was imposed by Phelps County District Court Judge Terri S. Harder, will be served concurrently. White was found guilty of the Class III felonies on July 14, 2005.

Bruning said, "This case was about bringing justice to the 50-plus farmers who were betrayed by one man's greed. White collar crime is financially devastating not only for those directly involved, but also for communities as a whole."

The Nebraska State Patrol began an investigation in March 2001 at the request of Hoeft who was concerned about possible criminal misconduct by White at the elevator, which is located in Atlanta, six miles southwest of Holdrege. At that time, search warrants were served on the elevator and the home of White, near Funk, Neb., by the Nebraska State Patrol and the Phelps County Sheriff's Office. Three computers and numerous receipts, scale tickets and other paperwork detailing the daily operations of the elevator were seized.

The Attorney General's Office and the Phelps County Attorney's Office pursued charges against White after discovering he had unlawfully transferred the titles of farmers' grain (which was in open storage) to the Atlanta Grain Elevator and sold it to third parties.

White operated the elevator from 1998 until he voluntarily surrendered his Nebraska Public Service Commission's (PSC) license in March 2002 when federal and state audits at the elevator revealed a major shortage of grain and soybeans. Originally, the PSC received claims of more than \$4.5 million against the elevator.

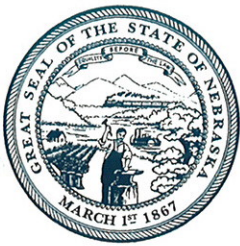
The case was handled by Hoeft and Assistant Attorney General George Love.

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August 16, 2005, 12:00 p.m. CDT

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Bruning Praises Favorable Ruling in Missouri River Cases

(Lincoln, Neb.) Attorney General Jon Bruning today praised the U.S. Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals decision in six cases validating the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers new Master Manual for operations of the Missouri River system.

Bruning said, "This re-affirms our decision to ask that the six cases be consolidated into one court. We are pleased that the Eight Circuit's ruling upholds the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's proposal and the Corps' plan for operations that are based on the 'Nebraska Proposal.'"

Bruning said, "The Court's decision recognizes that the Corps' obligation to comply with the Endangered Species Act does not trump the Congressionally authorized purposes of the Missouri River system."

In December 2003, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's Amended Biological Opinion included certain river flow changes proposed by Nebraska. The Amended Biological Opinion addresses the needs of the endangered and threatened species. The Court agreed that the Corps new Manual provisions, including those proposed by Nebraska, comply with the Endangered Species Act and meets the needs of the river users.

In making it's ruling, the Court specifically agreed with Nebraska that the Corps must recognize the priorities of river use established by Congress and judicially recognized by the U.S. Supreme Court. Nebraska had successfully argued in a previous appeal that the Congressionally authorized purposes and the dominant functions of flood control and navigation are binding on the Corps operation of the river.

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August 16, 2005, 10:00 a.m. CDT

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Bruning Talks Internet Safety with 1,000 Grand Island Educators

(Grand Island, Neb.) Attorney General Jon Bruning traveled to Grand Island today to discuss the importance of online safety with approximately 1,000 educators from the area.

The Attorney General presented a program that outlined the ways Internet predators track young victims and provided information on ways teachers can help educate students on how they can stay safe.

Bruning said, "There are a lot of dangerous criminals out there who use the Internet as a tool to find their next victim. We need to do more to ensure that our kids are safe by giving them and their parents the means to protect themselves."

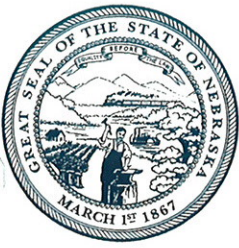
Bruning cited statistics from a Report by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children:

- one in five children who regularly use the Internet are sexually solicited;
- one in 17 are harassed or threatened;
- one in 33 receive an aggressive sexual solicitation or are asked to meet;
- 70 percent of aggressive on-line solicitations occur in the child's home;
- and less than 10 percent of those children who are sexually solicited report it to authorities.

The Attorney General also outlined the ways Internet predators track young victims and provided information on how students can stay safe. He cautioned against giving out personal information online, including names, addresses and phone numbers.

For additional information on how to guard against Internet predators, visit the Attorney General's Web site at www.safekids.ne.gov.

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August 12, 2005, 10:30 a.m. CDT

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Bruning Files Charges Against Former Hill Public School District Treasurer for Theft and Official Misconduct

(Lincoln, Neb.) Attorney General Jon Bruning announced today that he has filed felony and misdemeanor charges against former Hill Public School District Treasurer Beth A. Rodak, including one count of theft by deception over \$1,500 and one count of official misconduct.

Rodak, 56, is accused of using school funds to pay for her daughter's cell phone for the past four years. Last year an audit of the one-room school found that there was a high likelihood of fraud which prompted an investigation by the Attorney General's Office, State Auditor and Nebraska State Patrol.

Bruning said, "No one is above the law. Diverting taxpayer funds for personal use is absolutely unacceptable. My office will continue to aggressively pursue charges against individuals who abuse the public trust."

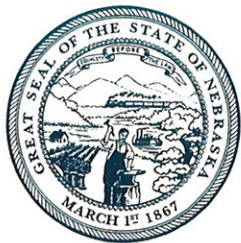
Theft by deception is a Class III felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison and/or \$25,000 in fines. Official misconduct is a Class II misdemeanor punishable by up to six months in prison and/or \$1,000 in fines.

Rodak's bond was set at 10 percent of \$5,000.

Arraignment has been set for 9:00 a.m. MT Wednesday, Aug. 31 in Morrill County Court.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

August 11, 2005

The Honorable David Heineman
Governor
State of Nebraska
State Capitol, Second Floor
P.O. Box 94848
Lincoln, NE 68509-4848

Re: Summary of Jurisdictional Authority on the Omaha Reservation

Dear Governor Heineman:

Thank you for your inquiry regarding jurisdiction on the Omaha Indian reservation. As you know, jurisdictional issues on the Omaha reservation are very complicated, and I will try to give you an overview in this letter. This letter contains no privileged information, so please feel free to share this information with anyone who may be interested.

The State of Nebraska has exclusive jurisdiction for all motor vehicle offenses committed on public roads and highways on the Omaha reservation pursuant to the 1969 retrocession resolution, regardless of the tribal status of the driver. Although our officers have the authority to enforce motor vehicle offenses regardless of tribal status, they do not have the authority to enforce criminal offenses that may derive from motor vehicle patrols. The following charts outline the current status of jurisdictional authority on the Omaha reservation. The bolded lines are the scenarios in which the State has jurisdiction on the reservation. This jurisdiction includes the State's authority to patrol and investigate crimes, and to subsequently prosecute those crimes.

Motor Vehicle Offenses Committed on Public Roads or Highways

OFFENDER	VICTIM	JURISDICTION	SOURCE OF AUTHORITY
Non-Indian	Non-Indian	State	1969 Retrocession Resolution
Non-Indian	Victimless	State	1969 Retrocession Resolution
Non-Indian	Indian	State	1969 Retrocession Resolution
Indian	Non-Indian	State	1969 Retrocession Resolution
Indian	Victimless	State	1969 Retrocession Resolution
Indian	Indian	State	1969 Retrocession Resolution

Non Motor Vehicle Offenses

OFFENDER	VICTIM	JURISDICTION	SOURCE OF AUTHORITY
Non-Indian	Non-Indian	State	U.S. v. McBratney, 104 U.S. 621 (1881)
Non-Indian	Indian	Federal	1969 Retrocession Resolution; 18 U.S.C. 1152 & 13
Non-Indian	Victimless	State	U.S. v. McBratney, 104 U.S. 621 (1881)
Indian	Indian	Federal or Tribal	1969 Retrocession Resolution; 18 U.S.C. 1152 & 13
Indian	Non-Indian	Federal	1969 Retrocession Resolution; 18 U.S.C. 1152 & 13; 1153
Indian	Victimless	Federal or Tribal	1969 Retrocession Resolution; 18 U.S.C. 1152 & 13

The proposed cross-deputization agreement would provide our officers with the additional authority to enforce tribal laws against Indians on the Omaha reservation. In return, the Omaha Tribe would be able to enforce State law against non-Indians on the reservation. “Enforce” in this context is limited to stops, investigations, arrests. This does not include prosecutions – jurisdiction to prosecute remains with the original jurisdiction as if no agreement existed. This means that non-Indians will always go through the state court system, and would never be prosecuted in tribal court. The proposed agreement does not include federal authority, because neither the State nor the Tribe has authority to grant federal authority to the other party.

The Omaha Tribe has applied for its law enforcement officers to receive their federal special law enforcement certifications (SLECs), and they will likely receive them in the near future. These SLECs will allow the Omaha Tribe officers to enforce federal law on the reservation regardless of whether the perpetrators or victims are Indians. This will occur regardless of whether the Tribe and State enter into a cross-deputization agreement. The SLECs will not provide authority for Omaha Tribe officers to enforce State criminal offenses committed by non-Indians.

The Nebraska State Patrol's SLECs have expired. Pursuant to the United States Solicitor General's current policy, the various tribes must pass a resolution agreeing to cross-deputization between the State and Federal governments before the federal government will entertain new SLECs for our officers. If this deputization agreement is entered into, then our State Patrol officers will be able to obtain their SLECs. This will ensure that Nebraska State Patrol officers have the full authority to make stops, investigations, and arrests throughout the Omaha reservation for State, Federal and Omaha Tribal law violations. Prosecutions for each offense would continue to be referred to the original prosecuting jurisdiction.

With regard to the disputed territory in Thurston County, certain federal agencies recognize the disputed territory as Indian Territory. Thus, assuming that the Omaha Tribe officers obtain their SLECs, the Omaha Tribe officers will have the above-referenced authority in the disputed territory. The proposed cross-deputization agreement does not resolve the status of the disputed territory, but pursuant to the proposed agreement, tribal officers will not be authorized to enforce any State laws in the disputed territory.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon Bruning", with a stylized flourish at the end.

JON BRUNING
Attorney General